

Transcript of remarks by LegCo President on NPCSC's decision to let Sixth LegCo continue to discharge its duties

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Following is the transcript of remarks by President of the Legislative Council (LegCo), Mr Andrew LEUNG Kwan-yuen, on the decision of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress to let the Sixth LegCo continue to discharge its duties at a media briefing at the LegCo Complex today (August 11):

As you all know, in view of the severe COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Government of the Special Administrative Region (SAR) has postponed the general election for the Seventh LegCo to ensure that it can be conducted fairly and impartially. To address the issue arising from the postponement of the election, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress has made the decision to let the Sixth LegCo continue to discharge its duties for no less than one year.

I welcome the Standing Committee's decision. In the present unprecedented pandemic situation, the Standing Committee has made this principled decision to enable the continued smooth operation of the Legislature, and ensure the effective administration of the SAR Government.

In the midst of the current pandemic, Hong Kong is facing severe economic hardship. I hope that when the Council resumes work in October, Members across the political spectrum could put aside political differences and work together to discharge their constitutional duties, with the common goal to resolve economic and livelihood issues in the best interest of the community.